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1. The heavy bridge equipment used by the Naumburg engineer battalion consists of open pontoons made of steel plate about 10 meters long and 1.6 meters wide, with steel balk and wooden chess. The pontoons are fastened together with clamps. Span supports [redacted] Comment: Lashed balks ?) serve as side railing. For heavy construction, three pairs of pontoons and twelve balks are used. [redacted] Comment: This appears to be the definition of a platoon-sized unit.) Source estimates the load capacity to be sixty tons.
2. Two kinds of motor tugs observed were a smaller type of about 100 HP and a larger type of about 250 HP.
3. Heavy equipment was moved to the Eisenach area and one detachment camped east of Bischofsroda. Light bridging equipment is still in Bad Kösen. Other materiel was taken to the Ohrdruf Training Area.

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